

Zonal and Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee

2903. SHRI K. P. NAIDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for selection of members of the Zonal and Divisional railway users consultative committee; and

(b) whether the Government propose to include local representatives like M.L.As, MPs., etc. in all such Committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) To secure better representation of Railway Users and provide a forum for frequent interaction between Railways and Railway Users on matters relating to the services provided by Railways, Railway Users' Consultative Committees at Zonal & Divisional levels are formed. In these Committees, representation is given to local Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Trade Associations, Passenger Associations, Agricultural Interests, Consumer Forums, Representatives of State Government, State Legislatures, Members of Parliament etc. In addition some members are also nominated by the Minister of Railways under the category of 'Special Interest' to represent the interest of those users who have not been otherwise given representation.

Stoppage of Coromandal Express Train

2904. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations for stoppage of Coromandal Express train at Nellore railway station;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking final decision in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the stoppage is likely to be provided to the said train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This demand has been examined in detail. Provision of stoppage of 2841/2842 Coromandal Express at Nellore has not been found justified due to the availability of alternative services and the special characteristics of this train.

[Translation]

Demand to set up Sub-Post Office in Gujarat

2905. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residents and the people's

representatives have been continuously demanding to set up a sub-post office in Kaprada, Taluka Gharampur in district Balsad of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the Government have so far decided to set up the sub-post office there;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) There is no demand for a Sub Post Office in Kaparda village of Dharampur in Valsad District where an Extra Departmental Branch Post Office already exists. The case for upgradation of Kaparda Branch Post Office into a Departmental Sub Post Office was examined but the proposal was not found justified on the norm for workload since there was a workload of 3.06 hours as against the minimum requirement of 5 hours.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

[English]

Construction of Overbridge

2906. SHRI N. K. PREMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the unmanned level crossings are a big traffic hazard in Kerala;

(b) whether a new proposal pending with the Railways for converting any of the existing level crossings in Kerala into either overbridge or underbridge; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Proposals given below though sponsored by State Government of Kerala for provision of bridges, are awaiting fulfilment of certain pre-requisite formalities to enable finalisation thereof:

1. Venbalam gate between Elathur and Quilandy.
2. Varkala - Road Under Bridge at km 179/13-14.
3. Meenchanoha Gate (Level Crossing No. 177) between Feroke and Kallayi Stations.
4. Kalamassery, Edappally (Level Crossing No. 67 at km 95/7-8) Shoranur - Ernakulam Section.
5. Trippunithura - Cochin refinery at km 8/17-18 between Ernakulam - Trippunithura.
6. Mulagunnathukavh - Thrissur (Level Crossing No. 15 at km 30/14-15).